

Passive Voice Exercises

1. Passive to Active Transformations

Take the following sentences in the passive voice and put them into the active voice.

1. The instructions have been changed. They _____.
2. She will have to be taught. Someone _____.
3. This car was manufactured in Japan by Toyota. Toyota _____ this car in Japan.
4. Last year 2,000 new units had been produced by the time we introduced the new design.
We _____ by the time we introduced the new design last year.
5. Casual clothes must not be worn. You _____.
6. \$400,000 in profit has been reported this year. The company _____ this year.
7. The test will be given at five o'clock this afternoon. The school _____ the test
at five o'clock this afternoon.
8. Students are required to wear uniforms at all times. The school _____ to
wear uniforms at all times.
9. A new for cancer was found in May. They _____ in May.
10. Robson Street was repaired last week. They _____ last week.

2. Active to Passive Transformations

Take the following sentences in the active voice and put them into the passive voice.

1. They cancelled the football match because of heavy rain.
2. People will eat six million hamburgers this year.
3. A man told us not to walk on the grass.
4. How do people use chopsticks?
5. Someone cleans the kitchen every morning.
6. The police arrested the escaped prisoner late last night.
7. How did scientists discover DNA?

3. Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs in the box.

discover	make	invent	build	paint	write	steal	invite	employ	give
cause(2)	climb	destroy	produce	assassinate					

1. Around \$100,000 _____ from a bank in Ohio last night.
2. The light bulb _____ by Thomas Edison.
3. In China, red envelopes full of money _____ to children at New Year.
4. Hundreds of new homes _____ since March.
5. Next year 3 million mobile phones _____ in Finland.
6. Do you think we _____ to Helen's wedding?
7. Many people in Scotland _____ in the whiskey industry.
8. "Romeo and Juliet" _____ by William Shakespeare.
9. "Starry Night" _____ Van Gogh.
10. More traffic accidents _____ drunk drivers than anything else.
11. Mt. Everest _____ Sir Edmund Hillary.
12. John F. Kennedy _____ Lee Harvey Oswald.
13. San Francisco _____ an earthquake in 1906.
14. Many cars _____ in America, Japan, Germany and Korea.
15. Lung cancer _____ smoking.

4. Modals and Passive Voice

Part A.

Directions: Complete each **statement** or **question** with the modal verb "**can**" in the passive voice. The main verb is in parentheses.

1. Some interesting animals can be found at the zoo. (find)
2. This recipe _____ very quickly. (make)
3. The building _____ from the side. (enter)
4. This old car _____ safely anymore. (drive--negative)
5. _____ this computer _____ ? (fix)
6. A new house _____ at this location. (build--negative)
7. Downtown Minneapolis _____ from here on a clear day. (see)
8. Why _____ he _____ another chance? (give--negative)
9. _____ that heavy chair _____ by just one person? (move)
10. This food _____ for up to one week. (refrigerate)

Part B

Directions: Complete each **statement** or **question** with the modal verb "**should**" or "**must**" in the passive voice. The main verb is in parentheses.

1. The cat should be fed twice a day. (feed)
2. This work _____ by Tuesday.(finish)
3. The pizza _____ by now. (do)
4. This medication _____ on an empty stomach. (take--negative)
5. They _____ the truth about their father. (tell)
6. _____ the money _____ before we bring it to the bank? (count)
7. A hamburger _____ with your hands--not a fork! (eat)
8. This glass vase _____ in a safe place. (put)
9. She _____ anymore candy. (give--negative)
10. How often _____ the students _____? (test)